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August 15, 2008

Ms. Jan Palumbo (AWT-121)
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Seattle, WA 98101

Subject: **August 15, 2008, Progress Report**
J.H. BAXTER ARLINGTON FACILITY
Docket No. RCRA-10-2001-0086

Dear Ms. Palumbo:

This letter provides the August 15, 2008, progress report for work under the Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) for the J.H. Baxter & Co. (Baxter) facility during the period from July 15, 2008, to August 15, 2008.

Significant Developments This Period

This section discusses significant developments for the reporting period, including actions performed and any problems encountered relative to work required by the AOC. Significant developments that occurred on this project during this reporting period are outlined below:

- During the week of July 28, 2008, groundwater monitoring activities associated with the *Remedial Action Pilot Study Performance Monitoring Plan* were conducted.
- On August 4, 2008, Baxter and Baxter's representatives met with EPA to discuss results from the Remedial Action Pilot Study.
- The *2nd Quarter 2008 Operations and Monitoring Report - Remedial Action Pilot Study* (O&M Report) was delivered to EPA on August 4, 2008. The O&M Report contains a summary of activities completed during the second quarter 2008, groundwater elevation data, groundwater monitoring data, and a memorandum documenting the results of the calibrated groundwater model.
- Groundwater elevation data from newly installed and select existing wells are currently being collected monthly.



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Anticipated Developments Next Period

This section discusses developments anticipated during the next reporting period, as outlined below:

- The Remedial Action Pilot System will continue to be evaluated during the next reporting period, including monthly groundwater elevation data collection.

Other Information

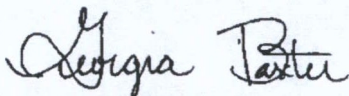
Any other information relevant to the AOC is discussed in this section, including results of any sampling or testing completed within the reporting period.

- Baxter has completed level-III validation activities for groundwater samples collected from monitoring wells in April 2008. These samples were collected in accordance with the *Remedial Action Pilot Study Performance Monitoring Plan*. A Quality Assurance Review (memorandum from Kathy Gunderson to J. Stephen Barnett dated July 16, 2008) is included as Appendix D of the *2nd Quarter 2008 Operations and Monitoring Report - Remedial Action Pilot Study*. Laboratory reports are included as Appendix C of the O&M report.

Certification

I certify that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to evaluate the information submitted. I certify that the information contained in or accompanying this submittal is true, accurate and complete. As to those identified portions(s) of this submittal for which I cannot personally verify the accuracy, I certify that this submittal and all attachments were prepared in accordance with procedures designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those directly responsible for gathering the information, or the immediate supervisor of such person(s), the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

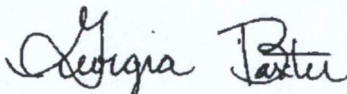
Signature:



Name: Georgia Baxter
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 15, 2008

We trust this letter meets the intent of the Progress Report per Paragraph 71 of the AOC. If you have any questions, please contact me at (650) 349-0201

Sincerely,



Georgia Baxter
CEO

cc: Jeanne Tran, Ecology
RueAnn Thomas, Bluefield Holdings
Douglas Fox, Stella-Jones Corp.
J. Stephen Barnett, Premier Environmental Services, Inc.